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Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

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The Abstract is also amended to be in more proper format under United States practice.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 5 as follows:

--5. (Amended) A blow-molded article having a grain-tone appearance prepared by blow-molding a molding material comprising as a pigment, 1 to 10 % by weight based on the molding material, of a base color pigment master batch comprising a base color pigment and a carrier resin having a melting temperature which is not higher than a melting temperature of a molding base resin and 0.1 to 5 % by weight based on the molding material, of the color pigment master batch as described in claim 1 [or 2] as a pigment.--

Claims 7 and 8 (New).